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Dear Madam or Sir,

I am very interested in applying for the position of Economic Policy Expert with the Cato Institute. My extensive experience, diverse background, and independent research and thesis work of the past decade in international economics, human rights, international law, civil rights, women's rights, domestic violence, and feminist movements of the past 50 year, on top of my life-long interest in anthropology, sociology, psychology, psychiatry, child-hood development, and world history; make me an excellent candidate for this position. The finding of my research is posted in my blogs on [Linkedin](#), [HuffPost](#), [Womensalia](#), and [Reuters Foundation](#) as well as reports on my activism website www.warondomesticterrorism.com, with a Table of Contents attached.

While my blogs integrate all the afore mentioned domains from a multi-sectional perspective, those covering the *IMF/World Bank Spring* and their *Annual Meetings* focus on the failure of high-income countries to assure stable economies, with the USA taking the lead, as well as to effectively implement progressive norms, under human rights standards, into their societies. The blogs also explain how international organizations, such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF), World Bank, and United Nations are perpetuating the dysfunctional socio-economic model of the USA, started under the Reagan Administration, to countries around the world, with upper-income countries exploiting middle and low-income countries perpetuating increasingly unstable economies—and the motor behind the escalation of violence in societies and communities around the world.

My family tree includes two major figures in the American Revolution; John Dickinson and John Paul Jones. And, while my argumentations, and calls for Peace, free markets, and above all Good Governance, in my writings are more in line with Dickinson; my geo-political trajectory in life has been that of John Paul Jones. Additionally, my grand-father was the first white lawyer in the South to successfully defend a black man in the Deep South (1910, under Jim Crow), with members of my family denouncing excesses of oppressive governments, and the violation of rights and liberties of people, going back to the origins of the Puritan movement, and Thomas Wilcox's publication of *Admonitions to Parliament* (Puritan Manifesto) in 1572.

The argumentation I provide for the 3rd jurisprudence on violence against women (VAW) as human rights violations, [Wilcox vs. Spain](#), is as brilliant and innovative as my grandfather a century ago; who subsequently worked in intelligence for the US government before, and during, World War I. [Wilcox vs. Spain](#), builds on the 2nd jurisprudence of VAW as human rights violations, challenging the defense of the Spanish government in [Gonzalez Carreño vs. Spain](#), 2014 (CEDAW), which claimed “inadmissibility due to judicial error and failure to exhaust.” My background report [Financing for Development \(FfD\): A Midsummer Night's Dream](#) for the case, explores the many socio-economic and political issues, and explains why the dysfunctional socio-economic model of the USA, is wreaking havoc and chaos on American economies, as well as globally. My presentation of [VAW as Human Rights Violations at the Battered Mother's Custody Conference 2015](#) is posted on YouTube, and provides further insight into the political platform for women's rights within the marriage and home, that I have, and am, building; challenging many of the faulty rhetoric and policies of western feminists since the '70s.

Furthermore, in the 52- blog series I wrote for Sean Penn, starting with [El Chapo, Sean Penn, and the Failed War on Drugs](#), after he was berated by the American press for his *Rolling Stones Magazine* article, “[El Chapo Speaks](#);” I raised the questions, and explored the issues, Penn so nobly wished to inject into

the US Presidential debates. I have been asking the same questions of the American government ever since my expatriation in Colombia in the late '90s (see my blog [Mexican Drug Trade: A Look into the Future by Looking at Colombia's Past](#)). As long as drug consumption, illegal and psycho-pharmaceuticals, in high-income countries is the motor for drug production, violence and arms trade with guerrilla and terrorist groups will continue to increase. Combating drug production, without concurrently combating drug consumption, will only transplant the problems produced from one country to another.

The violence in Colombia created under drug-cartels, and then guerrilla forces, has been on the decline in the past decade—due to efforts like the American government program 'Plan Colombia,' and diplomacy of people like Baltasar Garzon, and former presidential candidate and FARC hostage, Ingrid Betancourt, with guerrilla forces. However, the problems of violence in Colombia have sub-sequentially, been transported to Mexico, who now, is not only distributing its own drug-production into the USA, but also the Colombian drug-production. The failure of the American government (and State Department) to effectively understand the complexity of the problems of the USA, and the world, is why Donald Trump won his bid for presidency, with a simple promise to “drain the Swamp.”

If the press had been asking the US Presidential candidates questions pertaining to the issues I raised in my blogs during [2016 on LinkedIn](#), then Hillary Clinton would have won by a landslide (for the reasons explained in my blog, published four days before the Election, [Cost of Corruption: Open Letter to Hillary Clinton](#)).

I believe my unique multi-cultural, life-experiences and background, coupled with my multi-domain research, and extensive knowledge of the challenges the USA economy, and global economies, are facing; make me an excellent candidate for the position of Economic Policy Expert. While I do not possess a PhD or MBA in economics or public-policy, I have repeatedly demonstrated my brilliance in the understanding of international economics, as far back as the '80s in an international economics course at George Washington University (GWU). I obtained a 98%, in a course that I was told, “even the econ. majors failed at least once.” Additionally, I successfully tutored my fellow class-mates for the final exam. They all passed the course, even though they had failed the mid-term. Furthermore, not only did I predict the financial collapse of 2008, a year before it happened, examining its underlying causes, namely real estate bubbles in European, American, and Latin American economies—complicated by excessive currency rate fluctuations. But I am also, predicting a collapse of banking systems and financial markets for 2017, with its underlying causes, explained in my blogs for the *IMF/WB Spring and Annual Meetings*. These blogs, among other things, examine the ineffectiveness of the IMF to have developed policies and programs which effectively promote stable markets, and thereby stable economies, since the last financial crisis.

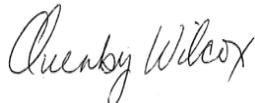
The economic problems of Europe are also explored and discussed in my latest blogs, and analysis of Nobel prize economist Joseph Stiglitz, newest book [The Euro: How a Common Currency Threatens the Future of Europe](#), in which he is calling for a “flexible euro.” While Dr. Stiglitz is a brilliant economist, his failure to understand to what extent discriminatory norms and customs, and intellectual stagnation, is causing economic stagnation, as well as poor allocation of resources; in Europe, as much as the USA. I moved to Europe in the late '80s, living in France, Spain, Belgium, and again France, before moving to Latin America in 1997, and returning to Madrid in 2003, where my children still reside. I personally witnessed the advantages of the introduction of the euro, and free-trade markets between countries and economies, as the ‘head’ consumer of an upper-income family, as well as from a public-policy perspective as a concerned citizen. What Dr. Stiglitz, and others progressive economists and policy-makers, fail to understand, is that the “fault lies not in our stars, but ourselves,” with my blog [Terrorism Around the World: The War Within](#), high-lighting the issues. The “rules” which need re-writing in the USA, as well as Europe, are exposed in Dr. Stiglitz book, [Rewriting the Rules of the American Economy](#), and my blogs [Open Letter to Joseph Stiglitz. Time to Start “Re-writing the Rules.” Instead of “Playing the Same Old Game!” - Part 1](#), and [Part 2](#)

Unfortunately, since governments and regulators did nothing to hold bankers and financiers accountable for their greed and negligence after the crash of 2008 (on top of previous crashes), they have just found new ‘products’ with which to exploit and defraud citizens of wages and savings. Additionally, my own ex-husband (a Spanish, French national) ‘crashed-n-burned’ as the Director of the Treasury Department of Banco Ganadero in Colombia, subsidiary of the Spanish multi-national, Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria (BBVA); destroying his career, himself, and his family in the process. Not only do I have a unique understanding of banking systems, financial markets, and their relationship to the recurring global economic crises that are produced, from a macro-perspective, but also a micro-perspective.

Additionally, my background in public-policy issues, and how to turn political rhetoric into “reality” is provided in my correspondence to the US Department of State, White House, and US Congress in my lobbying of officials to fulfill their obligation to protect and defend the rights of Americans residing abroad, with the issues high-lighted in my letters to [Secretary of State Kerry](#) and the [American Abroad Caucus](#) in 2013. I originally moved to Washington, DC in April 1981, as an intern on Capitol Hill, determined to forge a career in politics, with a focus in the international arena. I soon became disillusioned as a student of political science at George Washington University (GWU), on top of what I observed on Capitol Hill, and opted-out for a BA, and a major international marketing. However, one of the people I most respected and admired during my 5-year tenure on the Hill was the Executive Assistant to the Senator for whom I worked, and who taught me that Good Governance is much more about hours and hours of paper-pushing, reading comprehension, networking, and a determined will to fight for the rights of constituents, than high-power meetings, conferences, and cocktail-parties of the ruling elite, and explained in my blog, [Lessons Learned in Our Nation’s Capitol and Global Governance](#).

Please find below a resume for your perusal. The coming years, under a Trump Administration are going to be very difficult, politically, as well as economically. I believe my life-experiences, educational background, independent research, and development work, in various domains and countries in the past three decades, would be a valuable contribution to the Cato Institute and its mission; and I hope to be given the opportunity to speak with you in consideration for the position.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Quenby Wilcox". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

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Trilingual, economist and public-policy expert, with over 40 years of experience in socio-economic development, as well as research of global economic and geo-political issues. Global mobility expert focusing on work-life balance and labor rights issues within the private and public sector. Human Rights activist, focusing on issues related to women and children of all socio-economic levels, and nationalities. Social media professional with an audience of over 7000 contacts from the banking and financing industry, legal community, business community, development community, and global mobility industry, on LinkedIn.

EXPERIENCE

- 11/2013 - **HuffingtonPost.com, Womenalia.com and LinkedIn.com – Wash., DC – Blogger (Volunteer)**
present
- Blogs on [LinkedIn](#), [HuffPost](#), [Womenalia](#) and [Reuters Foundation](#), are a culmination of 8 years of independent research in international economics, human rights, international law, civil rights, women's rights, domestic violence, and feminists movement of the past 50 year (see [Reading List](#))
- 2006- **Global Expats & www.global-xpats.com, Wash., DC - Founder**
Present
- Conducted marketing research, data-base compilation, as well as maintaining all administrative and managerial duties in the project
 - Prepared [Business Plan and other marketing material](#) for investors
 - Conducted social media campaigns on LinkedIn, Facebook, and Twitter
 - Developed a political and legal platform promoting the rights and interests of Global Expats constituents (expat families)
 - Content web administrator for www.global-xpats.com
- 2/2008 - **Convention on Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) – Madrid, Spain and Wash., DC – Human Rights Legal Counsel (Volunteer)**
present
- Prepared the case, *Wilcox vs. Spain*, for Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) against the Spanish government for their failure to protect. The case challenges the Spanish government's defense of "inadmissibility" in [Gonzalez Carreno vs. Spain, 2014 \(CEDAW\)](#). A synopsis of the case is included in an official correspondence to the Spanish [Defensor del Pueblo in 2014](#)
 - Researched and prepared background report for CEDAW presentation. The report, [Financing for Development \(FfD\): A Midsummer Night's Dream](#), as well as all official correspondence with the Spanish and American governments, highlighting the many public policy issues, are posted on the activism website, www.warondomesticterrorism.com
 - Presented finding of my research at the Battered Mother's Custody Conference in 2015, in the presentation [Violence Against Women as Human Rights Violations](#)
- 1/2013 - **WaronDomesticTerrorism.com – Wash., DC – Founder & Administrator (Volunteer)**
present
- Maintain activist website (www.warondomesticterrorism.com), exposing the human rights violations and discrimination against women in courts and societies around the world
 - Reports posted on the site are the following: [Domestic Abuse as a Human Rights Violation & the Principle of Due Diligence: An Intersectional Approach](#); [Abuses of Power in Our Societies and Court Systems: Implications and Solutions under Human Rights Law](#); [The Failure of Courts to Protect Child Victims of Sexual Abuse](#); [Financing for Development \(FfD\): A Midsummer Night's Dream](#); [Family Courts in Crisis Newsletters](#); and [Workplace Bullying in the IMF](#); as well as a [bibliography](#) of research.

- 11/2011 – **International Monetary Fund, Wash., DC - Administrative Assistant (Contractual and**
11/2015 **Temporary)**
- Administrative assignments in the Western Hemisphere, Monetary and Capital Markets, European, Legal (Financial Integrity Group), External Relations, and Institute for Capacity Development departments
- 5/2009- **International Monetary Fund Family Association (IMFFA) (Global Employment), Wash., DC -**
2/2011 **Administrative Assistant/Office Manager**
- Created a filing system, as well as communication system between board and committee members
 - Created a data-base of membership, cross-referencing members; their interests, professions, etc.
 - Assisted with publication of the information booklet, monthly magazine, and weekly newsletter
 - Provided advice and assistance to members about family issues, the DC area, childcare, etc.
 - Reduced annual administrative costs by 10%
- 2002- **Bogotá Accueil (Fédération Internationale des Accueils Français et Francophones à l'Etranger**
2003 **(FIAFE) – www.fiafe.org Bogotá, Colombia - Président (Volunteer)**
- Represented the French community of Bogotá at official functions and Embassies
 - Organized cultural visits, educational seminars, tours of museums and art expositions, dinners and formal functions, manual arts classes for children, and English classes
 - Organized a conference for Ingrid Betancourt, Colombian Presidential candidate for 2002 (cancelled due to her kidnapping by FARC guerrilla)
- 2001- **International Group of Bogotá - Bogotá, Colombia - Secretary (Volunteer)**
2004
- Assisted in the formation and development of this cross-cultural group whose mission was to coordinate cooperation between the various expatriate clubs and communities in Bogotá
- 1999- **Bogotá Accueil (FIAFE/www.fiafe.org) Bogotá, Columbia - Board Member (Volunteer)**
2002
- Participated in monthly board meetings and management of the association
 - Organized children's manual art classes and events
 - Directed monthly English classes, book club, and cooking club
- 1998- **American Women's Club of Bogotá (Federation of American Women's Clubs Overseas**
1999 **(FAWCO)/www.fawco.org Bogotá, Colombia - Secretary (Volunteer)**
- Attended monthly board meetings and participated in management of the organization
 - Participated in monthly international cooking club and annual fund-raising Bazaar
- 1989 **Dean Witter Reynolds - Miami, Florida - Executive Assistant**
- Managed the administrative office, overseeing twenty employees
 - Handled client complaints, administrative problems, and maintained accounts payable
- 1987 **Shearson Lehman Bros., Wash., D.C - Stock Trader and Program Coordinator**
- Managed approximately \$10M within a \$20M blue-chip stock trading program
 - Monitored movements of 200 stocks and option, maintaining 10% profit margin on trades
 - Compiled financial reports and analysis
- 1986 **E.F. Hutton, Wash., D.C. - Sales Assistant to Financial Planners**
- Handled all administrative work and client contact, executed trades and processed legal documents
- 1981- **Senator J. Bennett Johnston (D) LA., Wash., D.C. - Intern**
1985
- Responsible for a total re-organization of administrative archives
 - Supervised the summer interns, organized in-coming mail, and maintained filing system
 - University Thesis on nuclear non-proliferation

SPECIAL PROJECTS

- 2003-
2004 **Association of Padre Nicolo of Bogotá, Colombia** – Examined the rehabilitation program for street children of Bogotá, with eventual application of methods and procedures within local educational systems. Padre Nicolo’s work of the past 30 years has won international awards and is recognized by UNESCO
- 2003-
2004 **Fundación Canguro of Bogotá, Colombia** – Examined and promoted the work of the foundation whose purpose is to provide high-quality, cost-effective health care for LBW (low birth weight) infants. The work, developed by Dr. Rey in 1978, is recognized by the World Health Organization (WHO), with centers in over 15 countries around the world

SKILLS

Languages: **English:** native, **French:** fluent, **Spanish:** fluent

Proficient: Microsoft Word, Outlook, PowerPoint, Publisher, Excel, SharePoint, Travel Portal, and Tabs3

EDUCATION

1981- **BBA (International Marketing/Political Science) George Washington University**
1985